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Concessions.  
The resignation of P.C. S. Khan,  
permitted of leaving the Colony, is  
cancelled.  
(Sgd.) F. C. JENKIN,  
D.S.P. (R.)

JAPAN AND A PUBLIC ACCOUNT-  
ANCY SYSTEM.

Investigations have been made into the  
public accountancy system, the "Japan  
Mail" says, with the intention of bringing  
the matter up in the next session of  
parliament, but recent reports state that  
the plan will be abandoned by the  
government.

The Government some time ago re-  
quested the Chamber of Commerce of  
the country to submit their opinions  
regarding the advisability of the system,  
but it is stated that only one third of the  
Chamber of Commerce replied. The  
majority of the answers received were to  
the effect that the time was still premature  
for establishing such a system in  
Japan, and the Department of Agricul-  
ture and Commerce is reported to have  
decided not to introduce the bill in the  
next session of the Diet, further investigations  
into the matter being considered  
necessary.

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Correspondents may forward their  
names and addresses with any communication  
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faith.

All matter for publication should be  
written on one side of the paper only.

Letters relating to business should be  
addressed to THE MANAGER.

Rate of subscription to "China Mail" is  
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cents per month.

Orders for extra copies of the "China  
Mail" should be sent as soon as possible as  
the supply is limited. Cash 10 cts. Credit  
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five cents each.

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ements on pages 1, 4, 5 and 8 should be  
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7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.  
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
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1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
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#### NIGHT CARS.

8.50 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. to 11.00  
p.m. every half hour.

11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of  
an hour.

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8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.  
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
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5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
7.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

#### NIGHT CARS on Week Days.

#### SATURDAYS.

Extra Car at 12 midnight.

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the  
Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS  
Des Voeux Road Central.

TOTAL Wages at S. Des Voeux Road Central, 1914,  
£23,070.367.

—Authorized Capital £6,000,000

Subscribed Capital £24,500,000

Paid-up Capital £22,477,400

Reserve Fund £3,027,047

Life and Annuity Fund £17,567,500

Sinking Fund Account £25,233

£23,970.367

Revenue Fire Branch £2,381,456

Life and Annuity £2,141,403

Reserve Marine Department £37,535

Other Receipts £78,940

£25,330,228

## BUSINESS NOTICES

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## INTIMATIONS

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Green Island Cement Company Limited will be held at the Office of Messrs. Sheahan, Tomes & Co., the General Managers of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY the fifteenth day of December, 1916, at twelve o'clock noon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing as Extraordinary Resolutions the following Resolutions, that is to say—

(1) That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$4,000,000 (Four million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$10 (Ten dollars) each, to \$3,000,000 (Three million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents) each, and that such reduction be effected by returning to the holders of the 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares that have been issued paid up capital to the extent of \$2,50 (Two dollars and fifty cents) per share by reducing the nominal amount of each of the said shares from \$10 (Ten dollars) to \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents).

(2) That application be made to the Supreme Court of Hongkong to confirm the reduction of the capital of the Company in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this fifth day of December, 1916.

By Order of the Board,  
SHEAHAN, TOMES & CO.  
General Managers.

## SECOND

5 1/2% RUSSIAN INTERNAL SHORT TERMED LOAN OF 1916. FOR ROUBLES 3,060,000,000

THE Subscription to the above LOAN will be Opened from 14th November to 20th December, 1916.

The price of issue is 95 per cent. The Loan is entirely free of Income Tax and other taxes.

The Loan is redeemable at par on 14th October, 1926, without option for the Russian Government to convert it at an earlier date.

Interest are payable half yearly on the 14th April and 14th October.

As interest on the above loan runs from 14th October, the interest accrued on date of subscription must be taken into consideration and is to be added to the price of issue.

The Russo-Asiatic Bank in Hongkong is ready to accept applications for the above named Loan.

Special favourable rates will be quoted for Russian Exchange.

Payment may also be made in Roubles.

Applications will be wired to Petrograd free of telegraphic charge and commision.

40 per cent, only of the cost of the Bonds may be paid on application, the balance to be paid on receipt of the Bonds.

The Bank is also ready to give every facility to subscribers in the shape of advances against the scrip.

G. TISDALE

Manager.

RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.  
Hongkong, Nov. 3, 1916.

## SILIMPON (SEBATTIK) COAL

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the COWIN HARBOUR COAL CO., LTD., are prepared to quote prices for best quality SILIMPON COAL trimmed into Bunkers at SEBATTIK or SANDAKAN (British North Borneo).

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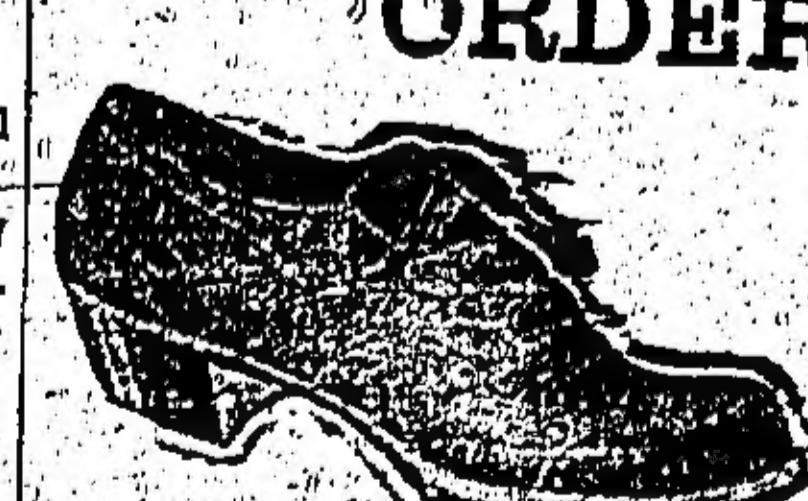
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Hongkong, March 20, 1914.

## FRENCH LESSONS

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15, Morrison Hill Road.



## INTIMATIONS

BUME & REIFF.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Mr. BERTHOLD REIFF will no longer use the firm name of BUME & REIFF, but will carry on business in future under his own name.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.  
Agents.

Hongkong, Dec. 5, 1916. 1916

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PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED).

FRIDAY,  
the 8th December, 1916, commencing  
at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice  
House Street,

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &amp;c.

Comprising:—  
Carpet and Rugs, Sideboards, Dinner  
Waggon, etc., Dining Tables and Chairs  
Chesterfield Sofas, Arm-chairs, &c.,  
Teakwood Twin Beds, Wardrobes and  
Toilet Tables, Double and Single Brass-  
mounted Bedsteads, &c., Miscellaneous  
Furniture, Blackwood Ware, Pictures, a few  
lots Porcelains, &c., Pansy, Bath Room  
and Kitchen Utensils,  
etc., etc., etc.

A few lots of Turkish Towels, Bath  
Towels, Brass Vases, Brass Finger Bowls,  
(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)

Taxes—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Dec. 8, 1916. 1920

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

SATURDAY,  
the 9th December, 1916, at 10.30 a.m.,  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street,

A NUMBER OF LOTS OF  
GRAMOPHONE RECORDS  
in practically new condition.

The makes include Columbia, Victor,  
Edison Bell, etc., etc.

Taxes—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Nov. 20, 1916. 1922

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. E. Belasco, to sell by Public Auction,

on SATURDAY,  
the 6th December, 1916, at  
10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street,

SEVERAL OIL PAINTINGS,  
Recently on Exhibition at the City Hall.  
To be sold without reserve.

Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Dec. 5, 1916. 1930

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

SATURDAY,  
the 9th December, 1916, at  
10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
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THE FOLLOWING  
VALUABLE GOLD AND DIAMOND  
JEWELLERY,  
(JUST ARRIVED FROM LONDON)

Fine quality Cluster Diamond Ring,  
Diamond and Ruby Marquise Ring, 2  
Diamond Cluster Pins Set in Platinum,  
Several Diamonds, Ruby and Pearl Rings,  
Pearl Necklet, Gold Tie Pin, Charms,  
&c., Hallmarked Gold Fountain Pens,  
Gold and Silver Watches by Benson and  
other Well Known Makers, Bracelets,  
Brooches, Earrings, Studs, &c., &c.

Pairs Binoculars, and One Box Chemical  
Weights.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)

On view day of sale.

Taxes—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Nov. 27, 1916. 1932

## AUCTIONS.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the  
listing by Public Auction Sale, to be  
held on MONDAY, the 11th day of December,  
1916, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the  
Public Works Department, by Order of  
His Excellency the Officer Administering  
the Government, of One Lot of CROWN  
LAND at Wan Chai Gap Road, in the  
Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75  
years, with the option of renewal at a  
Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor  
of His Majesty the King, for one further  
term of 75 years.

## Particulars of the Lot.

No.	Number	Boundary Measurements (approximate)	Size (sq. ft.)	Land Price (per sq. ft.)
1	1	Scratch	454	19
2	2	Rolls	40	33
3	3	Aileen	40	34
4	4	Colleen	40	35
5	5	Kathleen	40	36
6	6	Buccaneer	40	37
7	7	Dione	40	38

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## SPORTING.

## YACHTING.

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The results of the second of the series  
of Club Championship Races for the  
Handicap, One Design, and Hayward  
Hays and Gaele Classes are as follows:—

## HANDICAP CLASS.

Course—Channel Rocks (P) Kowloon  
Rock (P) Mark Boat or Starting Line  
(P) Channel Rocks (P) Kowloon Rock (P)  
Distance 4 miles.

Handicap on Finishing Corrected  
Yacht Course Time Time

M. S. H. M. S. H. M. S.

Dionne ..... 4 01 13 4 00 33

Rolls ..... 4 00 59 3 59 34

Aileen ..... 4 03 47 4 00 51

Colleen ..... 4 07 19 4 01 39

Kathleen ..... 4 07 36 4 01 56

Buccaneer ..... 4 07 24 4 01 19

Dione ..... 4 07 24 4 01 19

Position Pts. for race Pts. to date

(1) Jessica ..... 8

(2) Rolls ..... 8

(3) Aileen ..... 5

(4) Colleen ..... 4

(5) Kathleen ..... 3

(6) Buccaneer ..... 2

(7) Dione ..... 0

ONE DESIGN CLASS.

Course—Lyemun Beacon (P) Kowloon  
Rock (P) Mark Boat in Quarry Bay (S)  
Distance 8 miles.

Handicap on Finishing Corrected  
Yacht Course Time Time

M. S. H. M. S. H. M. S.

Lysbeth ..... 4 34 39

Bonita ..... 4 35 34

Daphne ..... 4 38 38

Haleycon ..... 4 40 39

Position Pts. for race Pts. to date

(1) Daphne ..... 5

(2) Aileen ..... 3

(3) Haleycon ..... 2

(4) Bonita ..... 2

Position Pts. for race Pts. to date

(1) Lysbeth ..... 8

(2) Daphne ..... 8

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## To-day's Advertisements

THE  
NATIONAL MISSION.

TO-DAY.  
6.30 p.m. Men Only, City Hall:  
Subject: "Why should men lead a  
moral life."

TO-MORROW, (FRIDAY):  
7.45 a.m. Holy Communion,  
Cathedral.  
10.15 a.m. Service in the Cathedral.  
5.00 p.m. Service in the Cathedral.  
6.00 p.m. Men Only, City Hall:  
Subject: "Why should men Pray?"  
Hongkong, Dec. 7, 1916. 1305

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received in-  
structions from the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.  
to sell by Public Auction,

**WEDNESDAY**,  
the 13th December, 1916, commencing  
at 3 p.m. at their No. 4 Wharf,  
2 Iron Sheer Legs, 80 ft. long,  
2 Iron Struts or Buck Legs, 64 ft. long,  
2 Iron Guides for Struts,  
2 Large Turnuckles,  
37 Three Sheave Iron Blocks,  
2 Bed Plates for Sheer Legs.

To be sold in one lot.  
These legs were capable of lifting 20 tons.  
One Hoisting Engine (Grafton & Co.)  
for the Sheer Legs, working  
pressure 80 lbs.  
One Steam Winch (Howarth Erskine  
& Co.) suitable for ship, used as  
haul back for sheers, working  
pressure 100 lbs.  
One Length of Old Cable Chain,  
Ninety-five lengths 3½" wire,  
One Lot of Old Wire, various lengths.  
On view now.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.  
GEO. F. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, Dec. 7, 1916. 1306

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## THE DIARY.

**MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.**  
2 p.m.—Reception on board, the  
T.E.R.'s. Siberia Maru.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household  
Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and  
Hough's.

## General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, Dec. 9.—  
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Oil Paintings  
by Mr. E. Velasco at Messrs. Hughes  
and Hough's.  
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Gramophone  
Records at Messrs. Hughes and  
Hough's.

10.45 a.m.—Auction of Jewellery,  
Binoculars etc. at Messrs. Hughes  
and Hough's.

H.K. Cricket Club v. University  
(H.K.C.C. ground).  
Entries close for Wodehouse Cup  
(Ladies' Foursomes, Foursomes).

8.44 p.m.—Full Moon.

SUNDAY, Dec. 10.—  
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by a.s.  
"Taishan."

MONDAY, Dec. 11.—  
3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at  
P.W.D.

THURSDAY, Dec. 14.—  
Prince Albert's birthday (1505).

FRIDAY, Dec. 15.—

Noon—Extraordinary Meeting of the  
Green Island Cement Co. Ltd.

Entries close for Ladies' Championship  
R.H.K. Golf Club.

FRI. 16, Sat. 16, Mon. 18 & Tues. 20.—  
A.D.C. Performance of "Kismet" in  
aid of "Star and Garter" Fund

difficult to command the majority in the House of Commons, not merely because of Mr. ASQUITH's hold on the House but also because of the acute antagonism of the Labour members to Mr. LLOYD GEORGE—an antagonism suddenly engendered by his late aspirations which the Labour men view in the light of a Dictatorship. When we are told that Viscount GREY is certain to retire with Mr. ASQUITH and that several other members of the Ministry who have rendered distinguished service to the State in the course of the war will serve under no other leader than Mr. ASQUITH, the gravity of the crisis is apparent. It is clear that very much depends on Mr. ASQUITH's attitude, but we are convinced that his high sense of duty will be a sufficient guarantee that his freedom from office will not be used to embarrass the new Government. It is inconceivable that these statesmen will retire to a Cave of Adullam.

## BIRTH.

TURNER.—On December 1, 1916, at the  
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank,  
Hongkong, the wife of W. C. D.  
TURNER, of a son.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, Dec. 7, 1916.

## THE CABINET CRISIS.

We have still to wait for an adequate and authoritative statement of the circumstances which have led to the resignation of Mr. ASQUITH and the collapse of his Coalition Ministry, but it is fairly clear that it has arisen out of an acute divergence of views in the Cabinet over the strategy of the war. Though we have had Mr. ASQUITH's assurance that whatever reconstruction there might be in the Government, it would not involve a departure in any shape or form from the policy pursued since the beginning of the war, it is already clear from the action of the Manchester Liberals and the hints thrown out in Labour circles that there is grave danger that the reconstruction may be a source of weakness rather than of strength to the nation and the Empire. The

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A receiver has been appointed for the Manila Dairy Farm.

The Manila Observatory notifies to-day a typhoon in about 110° Long. E. and 10° Lat. N. moving W.

The R. G. A. Sergeants' Mess are holding their fortnightly dance to-morrow night in the R. A. Theatre, Victoria Barracks.

We are asked to mention that the sailing date of the P. M. S. S. "C. Venezuela" has been postponed to Monday, 11th, inst. at noon.

A raw silk shipment worth 2,765,000 yen was included in the cargo of the "Empress of Japan" when she left Yokohama for Vancouver on 24th November.

The Hongkong University Authorities hope that Graduates of other Universities attending the Congregation on the 14th December will wear Academic Costume.

The handsome sum of \$10,000 was subscribed at Shanghai by local members of St. Andrew's Society towards the Scottish Red Cross Fund. A similar amount was subscribed on St. Andrew's Day a year ago.

The following members of "A" Coy H.K.V.R. will parade at Blake Pier at 3.30 p.m. to-morrow for Musketry. Dress: Drill order. Ptes. A. E. F. Raven, H. A. Walker, A. J. J. Ercol, A. H. Hollingsworth, F. A. Brown, J. Carr.

The well known Pacific liner "Siberia" which formerly made her voyages across the Pacific under the United States flag, being one of the fleet of the old Pacific Mail Co. yesterday came into harbour facing the Japanese flag. The "Siberia" which now has the additional word "Maru" and the late P. M. str. "Korea" have been purchased by the T.K.K. for American traffic. The new owners are giving a reception on board the "Siberia Maru" to-morrow commencing at 2 o'clock.

The Rt. Rev. F. L. Norris D.D., Bishop of North China and Missioner of the National Mission of Repentance and Hope, addressed a mass meeting of men and women at the Theatre Royal last night. The Rev. T. Robinson, Minister of the Wesleyan Church, Wan Chai, presided. The Bishop's address, which was of a discursive character, was founded on the text "I have loved you, saith the Lord" and dealt largely with the subject of the observance of Sunday, insisting that the first duty of the Christian man and woman on Sunday is to go to Church and join in the worship of their common Father. In other respects the address was a plea for a better conception of the duties and responsibilities of the Christian life—a protest against "starving religion."

Referring to 2nd-Lieutenant Henry P. Dudley, of the Leinster Regiment, attached to the Royal Irish Regiment, who was killed in action, the "Shanghai Mercury" says:—"The late Lieut. Dudley was on the Shanghai staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank from 1901 to 1909, during which time he was a prominent member of the Shanghai Fire Brigade, being 1st Assistant Foreman of the Victoria (No. 7) Company. He went home from Singapore shortly after the war broke out, and enlisted as a private in the 7th Dublin Fusiliers. With the latter regiment he went to Suva Bay, where he was wounded. He later obtained his commission in the Leinster. The flag of the H. & S. Bank was lowered to half-mast in memory of the deceased which news reached Singapore in due course."

**THE MAGISTRACY.**  
**STOWAWAYS.**

Three Filipinos were found in the boats of the s.s. "Venezuela" on her voyage from Manila to Hongkong. They were discovered a day out from Manila and stated they were trying to get through to the United States. Mr. Wood sentenced them each to six weeks' hard labour on a charge of being stowaways.

A Japanese who claimed he was a stowaway on board the s.s. "Kikong Tok" (China Merchant) running between Shanghai and Canton. The case was remanded for Inspector Gordon to interview the Japanese Consul to see if he would give the defendant any assistance. Defendant admitted he stowed away on the British mail from Yokohama to Shanghai.

## BACK FROM THE STATES.

Another rich Chinese who struck good ground in the States and was returning to his native birth in China brought with him on board the s.s. "Venezuela" a brand new long Smith-Wesson revolver and 100 rounds of ammunition. The case was remanded for enquiry to be made as to whether the usual notices had been posted on board the "Venezuela" considering it was the boat's maiden voyage.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Prince Oyama is reported to be seriously ill.

Mon. R. Rean, Consul for France at Hankow, who left that port on 27th ult. for Hongkong, where he has been appointed Consul-General, has been six years in Hankow. Nearly the whole of the Allied and Neutral and many Chinese members of the community were present at the departure of the Consul and his wife to bid them farewell and wish them success.

Those who wish to attend the Gala Performance of "Kismet" on Friday, 15th inst., and who have not already secured seats, are advised to book without delay as there are only a few \$10 Dress Circle seats left. There are still \$5 seats to be had on the ground floor which are excellently placed for witnessing a production of this kind.

Writing from Worsley Hall Red Cross Hospital, near Manchester, 2nd Lieut. A. E. Griffin, of the 20th King's Liverpool Regiment, to a friend in Shanghai says:—"My wounds are getting on fine, and the doctors now say that I shall not lose any of my fingers. The bones were badly smashed, but have healed up wonderfully well. I was bounces about No man's Land for four hours, and I thank my lucky stars I am still alive. My regiment has a magnificent reputation for attacking and naturally we got more than our share. Trench warfare is quite interesting and good sport, but down on the Somme it is quite different—life gets awfully sweet when dodging whizzbangs and Johnson's 'not to men' trap."

AMERICAN THANKSGIVING DAY.

## THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

"The Proclamation of President Wilson for the Observance of November 30th as Thanksgiving Day was as follows:—

"It has been the custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year, in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us and the nation. The year that had elapsed since we last observed our day of thanksgiving has been rich in blessing to us as a people, but the whole face of the world has been darkened by war. In the midst of our peace and happiness our thoughts dwell with painful disquiet upon the struggles and sufferings of the nations at war, and of the people upon whom war has brought disaster without choice or possibility of escape in their part. We cannot think of our own happiness without thinking of their painful distress. Now, therefore, I Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America do appoint Thursday, the thirtieth of November, as a day of National Thanksgiving and Prayer, and urge and advise the people to resort to their several places of worship on that day to render thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of peace and unbroken prosperity which He has bestowed upon our beloved country in such unstinted measure. I also urge and suggest our duty, in this our day of peace and abundance, to think in deep sympathy of the stricken people of the world upon whom the curse and terror of war have so pitifully fallen, and to contribute out of our abundant means to the relief of their sufferings. Our people could in no better way show their real attitude toward the present struggle of the nations than by contributing out of their abundance to the relief of the suffering which war has brought in its train."

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington this seventeenth day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-first.

(Signed) Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. Laurence K. Kentwell, Barrister-at-law, has been admitted to practice in H.M.'s Supreme Court for China by the Chief Judge, Sir Haviland de Saussure. Mr. Kentwell, who is a British subject, was a graduate of Columbia University, New York, also a graduate of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge and a barrister-at-law of the Inner Temple.

THE RAUB OUTPUT.

Messrs. Maxon and Taylor received a cable to-day from Singapore giving the Raub output for the past 4 weeks as:

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## THE WAR.

## LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## CABINET CRISIS.

## MR. LAW DECLINES TO FORM A CABINET.

## MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S TURN.

LONDON, Dec. 6.  
The *Westminster Gazette* states that Mr. Bonar Law has declined to form a Cabinet, finding himself unable to undertake the task of the Premiership.

LATER.

Mr. Bonar Law's refusal is confirmed.

It is expected that Mr. Lloyd George will be summoned by the King to form a Ministry.

## MR. LLOYD GEORGE FORMING A CABINET.

LATEST.  
Mr. Lloyd George is forming a Government.

## THE CONSEQUENCES OF MR. ASQUITH'S RETIREMENT.

The *Times* says Viscount Grey (the Foreign Secretary) is certain to retire with Mr. Asquith. Mr. McKenna (Chancellor of the Exchequer), Mr. Runciman (President of the Board of Trade), Mr. Harcourt, and Lord Crewe (Secretary of State for India) will only serve under Mr. Asquith. It is unlikely that Mr. Balfour (First Lord of the Admiralty) or Lord Lansdowne will again assume office. The Labour element is most uncertain. The country will probably regard Mr. Lloyd George as the most likely successor of Mr. Asquith, and the most likely combination at present is Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Bonar Law and Sir Edward Carson. The time has come to return to the old English system of small Cabinets. The Parliamentary situation is extraordinary. The Treasury Bench will be empty for the first time in modern history when the House of Commons reassembles to-morrow.

## LABOUR PARTY'S ATTITUDE.

Mr. Wardle, M.P., Chairman of the Labour Party, interviewed, declared that the whole Party unreservedly supported Mr. Asquith. The Labour Members were generally of the opinion that the crisis ought not to have arisen. They were quite prepared to see a smaller War Council, but they did not think that this should be accomplished by the means which had been adopted. They recognised that Mr. Lloyd George is a great driving force, but it was felt that in a crisis of this kind the proposal to throw over the Premier an unproper and an unsupportable policy.

## THE IRISH QUESTION.

The *Daily Chronicle* says that there have been discussions for some time past between Mr. Lloyd George, Sir Edward Carson and the Irish leaders with a view to an Irish settlement based on proposals by Sir Edward Carson for the establishment of a Home Rule Parliament for the whole of Ireland, the Protestants receiving proportional representation, and Ulster being included for three years. Sir Edward Carson imposes the condition that the Nationalists shall agree to conscription in the event of a settlement. Some Nationalists will join a Lloyd George Government in which Sir Edward Carson would be a leading member.

## DENIAL BY SIR EDWARD CARSON.

Sir Edward Carson has sent a message to Belfast stating that the proposals submitted to him for a settlement of the Irish Question are without foundation.

## RUMANIA.

## BUKHAREST CAPTURED.

LONDON, Dec. 6.  
A Berlin official announcement states that Bucharest has been captured.

## GERMANS REACHING THE OIL FIELDS.

LONDON, Dec. 5.  
The capture of Tigravista brings the Germans to the outskirts of the oil-fields in Rumania.

## THE FIGHTING IN THE CARPATHIANS.

An Austrian official communiqué says:

An Austro-German counter-attack in the Carpathians deprived the Russians of all local gains.

Russian attacks on the Moldavian frontier have been repulsed with heavy losses.

## THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

## IMPORTANT SERBIAN SUCCESS.

## SOKOL THREATENED.

LONDON, Dec. 6.  
Reuter's Correspondent at the Serbian Headquarters says the latest Serbian success is important. They captured the whole of a series of strongly-fortified positions, including the summit of Gumiabie, which is of great strategic importance, for it threatens Sokol. If the latter falls the entire Moglen region will be freed of the enemy.

## KAISER SENDS MESSAGE TO THE POPE.

ROME, Dec. 6.  
Cardinal Feschwirth, late Papal Nuncio at Munich, had an hour's audience with the Pope. It is understood that he brought a message from Kaiser.

## SUBMARINE PIRACY.

PASSENGERS IN THE WATER TWO HOURS.

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A Dutchman and a German have been sentenced to 15 and 6 months imprisonment respectively for pro-German espionage with respect to ships carrying Luddites to England.

## THE REIGN OF TERROR IN ATHENS.

## ABOMINABLE TREACHERY.

LONDON, Dec. 6.  
Telegrams from Athens state that the Allied troops on the 1st inst. walked into a trap. When they marched to the positions which had been previously notified by the Greeks they found themselves surrounded by 25,000 Greeks before a shot had been fired. Purleying was in progress when a Greek machine gun suddenly opened on the southern side.

Fighting spread to the Eastern quarter where the Greeks opened fire with machine-guns on the Zappeion building from the Palace Gardens, while Admiral Fourtis and his officers were standing on the steps.

Two hundred and fifty British marines, reinforced by 150 Frenchmen had been quartered at Zappeion for a month past. Surrender or annihilation for the Zappeion Garrison after the conclusion of the armistice was prevented by a French battleship most accurately dropping a few shells close to the Palace.

The British casualties were 8 killed and 40 wounded.

Previously a hundred French marines south of the City, refusing to surrender, but their way through with the bayonet. Only 30 reached the shore.

Since the armistice the Greeks have resumed control of the posts, telegraphs and railways.

A thousand Venetians were imprisoned in Saturday's reign of terror.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## INTERMITTENT ENEMY SHELLING.

LONDON, Dec. 6.  
Sir Douglas Haig reports intermittent enemy shelling on the Aisne.

## COALING FACILITIES AT BRITISH PORTS.

## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.  
The British Embassy notifies that owing to the scarcity of tonnage the coaling facilities at British ports and coaling stations abroad are reserved for British and Allied vessels and neutrals who have undertaken to employ ships for the benefit of British and Allied interests.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE BRITISH CABINET CRISIS.

## VIEWS AND OPINIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.  
The resignation of Mr. Asquith and the summoning of Mr. Bonar Law caused a sensation in the Clubs.

There is little disposition to criticise from a partisan standpoint. It is generally hoped that Mr. Bonar Law will be able to form a strong united government, which will command the support of the majority of the members of the House of Commons, regardless of party.

It is understood that the Unionist Ministers, after consulting Mr. Bonar Law, intimated that Mr. Asquith's proposed changes in the War Council were not acceptable.

The papers agree that whoever is the new Premier will find it difficult to command a majority in the House of Commons, not merely because of Mr. Asquith's hold on the House, but because of the acute antagonism of the Labourites to Mr. Lloyd George.

The Unionist papers are confident that in the event of an election the new National Government will secure a great victory, but the general feeling is that an election is unthinkable during the war. Moreover most of the electorate is fighting, while the women have no votes.

The *Daily Chronicle* states that should Mr. Bonar Law decline to form a Government the King might summon Mr. Lloyd George, who would doubtless endeavour to form a composite Government and attempt to secure Nationalist support. Should neither succeed the King would probably invite Mr. Asquith to reconstruct the Coalition Cabinet. It says there were speculations yesterday that the King might call the party leaders together and invite them to adjust their differences.

The *Daily Telegraph* recognises that much will depend on the attitude of Mr. Asquith. It is convinced that with his high sense of duty he will not refuse a subordinate position in the new Government.

There were many conferences of Ministers yesterday. Prior to the announcement of the resignations Mr. Bonar Law conferred with his Unionist colleagues, of whom Lord Curzon acted as messenger to the conference of Mr. Asquith and the Liberal Ministers.

It is stated that the Unionists, in view of Mr. Lloyd George's resignation, told Mr. Asquith that they would resign unless the Government did so.

It is generally assumed that the new Government will be predominantly Unionist, though Mr. Bonar Law will attempt to keep the coalition in existence.

Sir Herbert Samuel and Hon. E. S. Montagu are the only Liberals mentioned as likely to join. The *Daily News*, indeed, declares that the new Government will contain no Liberal except Mr. Lloyd George, though the Liberals will support it patriotically.

## THE REIGN OF TERROR IN ATHENS.

## TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE OF TWO NURSES.

## VENEZELISTS BATTERED TO DEATH.

LONDON, Dec. 6.  
Reuter learns that a telegram from the British Legation at Athens states that two Greek Red Cross nurses, after tending a wounded porter at the Legation all day, were subsequently arrested and dragged before the Head of the Police. They were shut up for 30 hours, without food and without water, in a filthy latrine. There were continuous attempts at raping. Their house was looted. They have now been released.

They state that the police headquarters are filled with Venezelists, some of whom were battered to death and some had their eyes gouged out.

The late Head of the Secret Police was tied to a post and was beaten on the head with a club by an Orthodox priest.

## CHANGES AT THE ADMIRALTY.

LONDON, Dec. 6.  
The "Gazette" notifies the appointments of Admiral Cecil Burney to be Second Sea Lord and Captain Lionel Halsey to be Fourth Sea Lord.

## RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 6.  
The Grand Duke Boris has presented to the Shah of Persia a silver vase from the Czar.

At a luncheon the Shah and the Grand Duke exchanged assurances for the consolidation of Russo-Persian friendship.

The Grand Duke was enthusiastically received by the inhabitants of Teheran.

## UNNECESSARY WORDS.

WHY waste words and advertising space in describing the many points of merit in Chamberlain's Budget? The most ridiculous are satisfied when we state that it is good and cheap and bought from any source and that it contains absolutely no mercury or injurious substances. For sale by all Chemists and druggists.

## "DE MINIMIS."

It is good for every man's character that there should be some spiritual region in which he can do as he likes, some land of little things where he may be delivered altogether from the tyranny of the long arm. Most Englishmen feel this instinctively, and there is certainly no country in which *de minimis non curat lex* can be said with so much truth. Hitherto our countrymen have preserved and have diligently enlarged the liberties of what might call the Kingdom of "Minima."

Manners are freer than they were. Fashions, especially what we may call *class* fashions, tend to be less tyrannical. In Thackeray's day the whole middle class was more or less alike. Now the poor live as they can and the educated as they please. If Thackeray could come back how Bohemian he would think us all!

True, there are social whibbishes still; but the world to which they apply becomes smaller and more exclusively feminine. Occasionally one hears some one say: "There are no eccentrics now."

The truth is, there are so many that they pass unnoticed.

We do not greatly regard ridiculous small offences any longer, nor trouble over small losses; neither are we shocked at small extravagances. We seldom apply our laws, or even our principles, where trifles are concerned. We make no idols of our conventions. Rather we love them—the older the better—as children love dolls; but, like children, we do not hesitate to knock them about; indeed, few of them can be said to be intact. We all believe that this country is free in a sense in which no other country ever was or will be, and there is a sense of freedom here which even foreigners give us credit for. Sometimes one wonders whether the atmosphere of liberty has not more to do with temperament than with institutions. Just now that nation is angry—does well, no doubt, to be angry. But a righteously angry man is apt to lose some of his natural graces of temperament, and so to "even himself" to the persons with whom he is at variance. In the domestic life of a city or an individual the rigour of the game should never be applied; if domestic life is to be happy and to give room for development, and if the "good name of law and order" is to be preserved. Just now we have noticed—in very little things—a perverse tendency to hold up the mirror to Prussia. It must, one hopes, be the merest passing phase; but the tendency is so dangerous and little liberties are so valuable that it is surely every one's duty to hold fast by our ancient custom in regard to the smallest things. We must always be in danger of crises like the present, in which our greater liberties must of necessity be curtailed; but the spirit of freedom cannot be quenched while it can find refuge in the world of things that do not matter.

A scene which took place in the presence of the writer in a London omnibus will illustrate our fears. "You would not take my hedge number just for that?" said a very young omnibus conductor; in a timid voice; to a hard-eyed passenger before whom she trembled. As the dispute, or rather the arraignment, continued newcomers learnt that the girl had allowed a lady with a very small dog tucked under her cloak to remain for about a minute inside the bus. The circumstances, it appeared, were special. The day was rainy, the dog infinitesimal, the time of his shelter under the amorphous roof almost to be counted in seconds. "He was a very small dog," she pleaded with the unwise of youth; "he sat on her knee, the whole dog—indeed, he was under her cloak." The self-constituted judge continued the question. "I take no interest in those details," said he. "I don't care if the dog was small or big, or how long he was in the bus, or whether he sat on the owner or the owner sat on him. What I want to find out is—and mind, I will sit this matter to the bottom—had you or had you not discretion to let him get in at all?" The girl looked distressed. She murmured that she had not been long at the law, and that she hadn't thought that such a moment

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SAMARANG, SURABAYA AND MACASSAR.

Formosan Line. FOR TAMSU, KEELUNG, ANPING, TAKAO,  
VIA SWATOW, AND AMOY.

"AMAKUSA MARU" Tuesday, 12th Dec., at 10 a.m.  
"Calling at Tamsu, Keelung via Swatow and Amoy."

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The tale in the Hapsburg blood, derived from the union of the dissolute Ferdinand II, with Joanna, the Mad, has no doubt been largely responsible for the "flagrant indiscretions" of this Royal House, notably in the domain of love, which have caused so much scandal in Europe. The chronicle of the Hapsburgs, indeed, are full of stories of misalliances, of strange unions with maidens and men of low degree, not the least romantic of which is that which the Archduke Johann was the hero about a century ago!

Prince Johann, so the story runs, was travelling from Italy to Vienna, when he stopped at a small Styrian village for a change of horses and position. The horses were available, but, as the rustic host of the inn apologetically explained, there was no position for them. The Prince, anxious to continue his journey without delay, had begun to despair when, to his surprise and delight, a position was forthcoming, none other than the innkeeper's pretty daughter, who, determined that the handsome stranger should not be disappointed, had herself donned livery and volunteered to drive him to the next posting-station.

Here, indeed, were all the elements of a romance, a susceptible prince and a beautiful maid, whose charms were enhanced by the masculine garb she wore, and the romantic rôle she had assumed with such courtesy. The Archduke, powerless to resist such a combination of assaults on his heart, promptly fell in love with his fair position, and, as his wife and Countess of Moran, she had no reason to regret her adventure, which no doubt she thoroughly enjoyed apart from its happy consequences.

CHARACTER OF A DANCER.

Of a later Archduke Johann a story less dramatic is told. Johann Salvator Ferdinand, Archduke of Austria and Grand Duke of Tuscany, was a generation ago, the most brilliant prince in Europe, accomplished scholar, poet, and musician, and the finest strategist in Franz Josef's army, in which he had, while in his early thirties risen to field-marshal's rank.

One day, as fate would have it, he visited an Vienna theatre famed for its ballets, and among the fair dancers who posed and pirouetted on the stage was one whose radiant young beauty and grace of figure arrested his attention, and held him entranced. Such was the fascination of her virgin freshness and dainty charms that Johann knew no peace until he had made the acquaintance of his bewitcher, who proved to be Emilie Strelf, daughter of an obscure shopkeeper in a poor quarter of the city.

In the character of a poor student he sought and won the trademan's daughter, and it was only when she had a wedding-ring on her finger that she learned that her handsome student was none other than the Archduke John Salvator, cousin of the Emperor.

But the princely lover had to pay a heavy price for his romance. He had already incurred Franz Josef's severe displeasure by rebelling against his authority, and this last flagrant defiance sealed his doom. Compelled to renounce his Royal rank and titles and his vast estates, he fared forth with his young wife to seek work, however menial. At one time, it is said, he earned a scanty living as a writer; at another, he was

boiling as a labourer, and again he was doing reporter's work in New York. Drifting to England, he studied for and secured a navigator's licence, and one day in 1900, he sailed away across the Atlantic with his bourgeois wife, and from that day to this all trace of the adventurous couple has been lost.

WEDDED IN THE STRAND.

In the register of the Strand Registry Office you may see the record of a marriage which recalls a very strange romance of Royalty—that of "Mademoiselle Louise," formerly Archduchess of Austria, and divorced wife of Frederick Augustus, Crown Prince, and now King of Saxony, to Enrico Toselli, professor of music.

More than twenty years earlier the beautiful and gifted Hapsburg Princess, daughter of Ferdinand IV., Grand Duke of Tuscany, had given her hand, in the chapel of the Emperor's palace at Vienna, to his heir to the throne of Saxony, with every prospect of a happy wedded life as well as a future queenship. "My husband," she says, "was young and handsome, some and devoted to me. He had many excellent qualities of heart and mind, and I felt sure that my marriage would be a happy one."

FOOD FOR SCANDAL.

But it was not long before disillusionment came. Frederick Augustus, indeed, proved himself a good husband; but the Princess's life was made so miserable by the King's insults, the Queen's pettiness, and the rigidity of the Court etiquette, that all her dreams of happiness were soon dispelled. For eleven years she bore her burden of misery, until she could bear it no longer. Then one day in 1902, the world was shocked to learn that Saxony's queen-to-be had eloped with her children's tutor, M. Girou, a handsome young Belgian. "M. Girou," she says, "did not remain long with me in Switzerland. My reputation being thoroughly compromised by his presence, my object was attained, and he therefore returned to Brussels."

The Emperor of Austria, during his long life, has been shocked by many similar indiscretions within his family circle. It is but a few years since one of his grand-daughters, the Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria, gave much food for scandal when she ran away with a young Infantry lieutenant named Seefried, cousin of Vienna's chief executioner.

FASCINATING CINDERELLA.

For two years, the Princess's infatuation for the young officer had caused anxiety in Royal circles, but all efforts to control the impulsive young lady had proved futile. One night she disappeared from Munich in her lover's company, and nothing was heard of the runaway until the news came that they had been made one by an obliging priest.

A solitary element, however, was far, from satisfying Amelie, another Bavarian princess of the Hapsburg blood, who ran away, with four loves of low degree in quick succession, an example which her daughter Elvira later followed when she eloped with Count Vrona. More recently still, Prince Victor Salvator, son of the Austrian Grand Duke and Maria Louise, and first cousin of the ex-Crown Princess of Saxony, played the rôle of bridegroom at the Nuremberg register office to Friederica Anna Rohrer, daughter of a humble country doctor, whom he had successfully wooed under the very walls of his mother's castle in Bohemia.

The Archduke Ferdinand Carl, younger brother of the late Crown Prince of Austria, who himself made a morganatic marriage with a countess, found a wife in Friederica Cruber, daughter of a master at a Vienna school. The Archduke Ernest and Henry each put a wedding-ring on the finger of a low-born Cinderella, while another Archduke Ernest waited with a ball-dancer whose son by him was a few years ago a waiter in a Budapest restaurant.

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